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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form, which the Examiner may deem material to the patentability of the claims of the subject application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, with the exception of any U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed subsequent to June 30, 2003.

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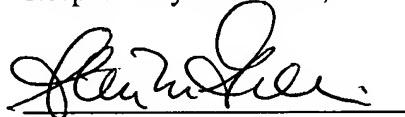
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